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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, GW

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SOYBEAN CAP

REF: STATE 41383

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT CONTACTS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL 41383, WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE GERMAN NEGOTIATORS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A HIGH DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS TO NEGOTIATE A SOYBEAN CAP. THE GERMANS, IF PRESSED ON THIS ISSUE, WILL AGREE TO A SOYBEAN CAP WHICH INCLUDES A SUBSIDY PRO-  
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GRAM FOR EC SOYBEAN PRODUCERS, BUT THEY WILL NOT AGREE

TO SUBSIDIES TO ASSOCIATED STATES FOR SOYBEAN PRODUCTION;  
TO ANY BORDER ACTION RESTRICTING SOYBEAN OR MEAL IMPORTS;  
OR TO ANY PROGRAM FOR SOYBEAN EXPORTS RESTITUTIONS. END  
SUMMARY.

2. WHILE THE GERMANS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE IN GENERAL ANY  
ACTIONS ON A SOYBEAN CAP, THEY HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED  
TO AGREE TO A LIMITED PROGRAM TO SUBSIDIZE EC SOYBEAN  
PRODUCTION, IF PRESSED.

3. THE GERMANS DID INDICATE STRONGLY THAT THEY WOULD,  
HOWEVER, NOT SUPPORT ANY ACTION TO RESTRICT IMPORTS  
OF THIRD COUNTRY SOYBEANS AND MEAL, NOR WOULD THEY SUP-  
PORT ANY ACTION TO SUBSIDIZE EXPORTS OF SOYBEANS OR MEALS.

4. THE GERMANS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD  
OPPOSE ANY ACTIONS TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SUBSIDIZE  
SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN THE ASSOCIATED STATES.

5. IT APPEARS THAT THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THEIR  
PET PROJECT, A SOYBEAN CAP, BEFORE THEY WILL AGREE TO  
SETTLE OTHER  
OUTSTANDING ISSUES, INCLUDING THE GRAIN PRICE PROBLEM.

6. A FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT NOTED THAT COMMISSION PROPOS-  
AL OF 100,000 TONS FOR 1977 AND 1978 REPRESENTED ONLY  
ONE-SIXTH OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE OF EC DEMAND FOR HIGH  
QUALITY PROTEIN FEEDS (SOYBEANS AND FISHMEAL). HE SAID  
IT WAS "HORSE TRADING" TIME NOW WITHIN THE ON THE IS-  
SUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT FORMER  
FRENCH AGRICULTURAL MINISTER CHIRAC HAD MADE SOYBEANS A  
"POINT OF HONOR" AND HE SAID THAT THE CURRENT MINISTER  
COULD DO NO LESS.

7. EMBOFF NOTED THAT THIS INFORMATION SEEMED TO CONTRA-  
DICT AN EARLIER REPORT THAT THE FRG HAD DECIDED AT THE  
CABINET LEVEL TO OPPOSE A SOYBEAN CAP (SEE BONN 2183).  
EMBOFF THEN ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN A MORE RECENT CABINET  
DECISION. OUR SOURCE RESPONDED THAT THERE ARE CASES  
WHERE THE CABINET REVIEWS PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND THAT  
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THIS PRACTICE OCCURS OFTEN IN DECISIONS ON AGRICULTURAL  
PRICE POLICY.  
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